Clearance of waiting list in Nagpur and Vidarbha Region

3863. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to launch the Wireless in Local Loop Technology in Nagpur;

(b) whether it is a fact that there is a long list of people waiting for new telephone connections in Nagpur circle and other cities in the Vidarbha region; and

(c) if so, the number of persons on the waiting list in Nagpur and the time by when, the list is proposed to be exhausted ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) Yes, Sir. There is plan to provide Wireless in Local Loop Technology in Nagpur during 2001 -2002.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. The details of persons in waiting list for provision of new telephone connections in Nagpur and other cities of Vidarbha region as on 30-6-2001 are given below:

City	Waiting list as on 30-6-2001
Nagpur	12961
Akola	4410
Amravati	4725
Bhandara	5033
Buldhana	3008
Chandrapur	4375
Gadchiroli	1175
Wardha	3475
Yeotmal	3846
TOTAL	43008

It is planned to clear the pending waiting list progressively by March 2002 subject to receipt of equipment and other materials in time.